disastrous ~~dismal~~ length along & left a memorable record behind it — three months & a half with scarcely a demise ~~death~~.

We got ready for the summer trade. — There came news that ~~of~~ the cholera ~~in~~ had appeared in the seaports, & for the first time in months we had an old-time ~~cheery~~ evening of innocent gaiety ~~that was full of smiles & harmless jesting~~ in place of bowed heads & heavy sighs. The disease spread from village to village, till it reached within five miles of us — then it split apart & wandered far away an

either side, leaving our town untouched!

"~~God's~~ ~~His~~ ~~will be done~~," "It is very hard," said Mr. Cadaver, & we saw the tears trickle through his fingers as he sat with his hands clasped over his face, rocking to & fro ~~in~~ and ~~agony~~ ~~anguish~~ softly moaning.

Once it had been our happiness on peaceful Sabbath afternoons, to stroll to Joseph's graveyard & count the new mounds & talk of the prospects. ~~for more~~. But this had long ceased. There were no new mounds any more; the turf had grown old upon all; there was no longer